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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) are the specification and claims of the nonprovisional patent application of:

Tamotsu KAJIHARA
Inventor(s)

IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD
Title of Invention

APPLICATION ELEMENTS ENCLOSED:

1. X Specification, total pages 95 including:
 - a. 16 pages of claims (33 claims)
 - b. 1 page(s) Abstract
2. X 18 sheets of informal X formal drawings (Figs. 1-22)
3. Oath or declaration of Applicant(s) (total pages)
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 - c. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Item 14 completed)
4. Deletion of Inventor(s)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)
5. Incorporation By Reference
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied in item 3b is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

APPLICATION PARTS ENCLOSED:

7. An assignment (cover sheet & document(s))
8. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (*when there is an assignee*)
9. Power of Attorney
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12. X Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)

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16. X Priority of application Nos. 2002-348384 filed in Japan on November 29, 2002 and 2003-376443 filed in Japan on November 6, 2003. Applicant hereby claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119.

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